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To: PROVVISIONATO, Paolo PROVVISIONATO & CO S.R.L. NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT Piazza di Porta Mascarella, 7 OF DEMAND BY COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL 40126 Bologna PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY ITALIE (PCT Rules 59.3(e) and 61.1(b), first sentence and Administrative Instructions, Section 601(a)) Date of mailing 23-04-2004 (day/month/year) Applicant's or agent's file reference IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION PE606 International filing date (day/month/year) International application No. Priority date (day/month/year) PCT/IB03/04139 18/09/2003 19/09/2002 Applicant OFFICINE MACCAFERRI S.P.A. et al. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority considers the following date as the date of receipt of the demand for international preliminary examination of the international application: 1. 13/04/2004 This date of receipt is: the actual date of receipt of the demand by this Authority (Rule 61.1(b)). the actual date of receipt of the demand on behalf of this Authority (Rule 59.3(e)). the date on which this Authority has, in response to the invitation to correct defects in the demand (Form PCT/IPEA/404), received the required corrections. 3. ATTENTION: That date of receipt is after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date. Consequently, in respect of some Offices, the demand does not have the effect of postponing the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) and the acts for entry into the national phase must therefore be performed within 20 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices). However, in respect of some other Offices, the time limit of 30 months (or later) may nevertheless apply. See the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 and, for details about the applicable time limits, Office by Office, see the PCT Applicant's Guide, Volume II, National Chapters and the WIPO Internet site.

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